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THE PRESIDENT
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SOVIETS MAKING PROGRESS ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION: EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT IN INTENSIVE INTRA-BLOC CONSULTATIONS, CULMINATING IN THE MOSCOW MEETING OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DECEMBER 15-16, THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE HAMMERED OUT A SATISFACTORY GENERAL LINE ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. RECENT REMARKS BY SENIOR KREMLIN OFFICIALS DEALING WITH CSCE CONFIRM EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT TO MINIMIZE A WESTERN ANTI-CSCE BACKLASH, MOSCOW IS WILLING TO CHANGE CERTAIN OF ITS LAWS AND ENGAGE THE WEST IN NEGOTIATIONS ON PRACTICAL IMPROVEMENTS. NEW LEGISLATION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME OF THE PARTY CONGRESS. THE EMBASSY ADDS THAT THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO HAVE DONE THEIR HOMEWORK WELL ON CSCE DETAILS. ON BASKET III, FOR EXAMPLE, CHIEF CSCE NEGOTIATOR KOVALEV RECENTLY TOLD

PROGRESS IS EXPECTED SOON ON IMPROVING WORKING CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS AND THAT THE MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS WILL ALSO BE EASED SHORTLY. COMMITMENTS ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION ALSO WILL BE EXECUTED, WITH FEES TO BE REDUCED BY ONE THIRD.

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SOVIET VIEWS ON NATO NUCLEAR OFFER: EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO COMMENT CRITICALLY ON NATO'S NUCLEAR OFFER BUT ARE RESERVING FINAL JUDGMENT, SAYING THE PROPOSAL IS UNDER STUDY IN MOSCOW. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON DECEMBER 24, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OF-

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FICIAL SAID THAT MILITARY INPUT WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE A DECISION COULD BE TAKEN. PERSONALLY HE THOUGHT THE PROPOSAL WAS WEAK IN TWO RESPECTS: IT DID NOT PROVIDE FOR REDUCTIONS IN NON-U.S. NATO NUCLEAR SYSTEMS, AND IT WOULD NOT ACHIEVE THE 15 PERCENT OVERALL CUT IN ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS THE USSR SEEKS.

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IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THE USSR WILL REJECT THE NUCLEAR OFFER OUT OF HAND. RATHER, MOSCOW WILL PROBABLY CRITICIZE THE PROPOSAL ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE KLESTOVIN VIENNA AND ECHOED BY OTHER OFFICIALS-- STRESSING THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD NEITHER REDUCE NOR LIMIT ALLIED NUCLEAR SYSTEMS. SUCH CRITICISMS WILL PROBABLY BE MADE TO TRY TO SEPARATE THE NUCLEAR OFFER FROM THE CONDITIONS NATO HAS ATTACHED TO IT, AND TO ATTEMPT A PROBE TO SEE IF THE EAST CAN GET A MORE ADVANTAGEOUS OFFER.

NEW FRENCH AIRCRAFT: EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE DECIDED TO ABANDON DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMBAT AIRCRAFT OF THE FUTURE (ACF). DEPUTY SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE JACQUES MARTIN TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT COMBINING SUPERIORITY AND PENETRATION ROLES IN ONE AIRCRAFT RAISED COSTS TREMENDOUSLY, THAT THE HIGH ESTIMATED COST OF THE ACF WAS PRICING IT OUT OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, AND THAT FRANCE HAD DECIDED TO USE ONLY SUBMARINES AND IRBMs FOR STRATEGIC NUCLEAR DELIVERY. ONCE THE MIRAGE IV LEAVES SERVICE IN THE 1980S, INSTEAD OF THE ACF, THE FRENCH DEFENSE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED TO BUILD THE MIRAGE 2000 -- A NEW, SINGLE-ENGINE, AIR SUPERIORITY AIRCRAFT.

SOVIET-TURKISH COMMUNIQUE: FOLLOWING KOSYGIN'S VISIT: SOVIET PRIME MINISTER KOSYGIN ENDED HIS VISIT TO TURKEY YESTERDAY AND, ACCORDING TO A TASS SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNIQUE, ANKARA AND MOSCOW HAVE DECIDED TO DRAW UP A POLITICAL DOCUMENT ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION, AND WILL EXERT EFFORTS TO EXPAND AND STRENGTHEN SOVIET-TURKISH RELATIONS. A REUTER REPORT ON THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THE POLITICAL DOCUMENT, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL BE SIGNED AT A SOVIET-TURKISH SUMMIT, ON INTERNATIONAL TOPICS, THE USSR AND TURKEY, IN TERMS

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WHICH THE SOVIETS HAVE NOW STANDARDIZED;

-- EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT CONSISTENT IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT WILL CREATE A REAL POSSIBILITY FOR FURTHER ADVANCEMENT OF THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS;

-- CALLED FOR EUROPEWIDE DISCUSSION OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, TRANSPORTATION, AND POWER ENGINEERING;

-- EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT A MIDDLE EAST PEACE CAN BE ATTAINED ONLY ON CONDITION OF FULL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967 AND RECOGNITION OF THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS;

-- HELD THAT THE PLO SHOULD TAKE PART IN THE GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE.

REGARDING CYPRUS, THE COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT THE QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT OF CYPRUS AND ON THE BASIS OF OBSERVANCE OF THE LAWFUL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF TURKISH AND GREEK CYPRIOTS.

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